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To: Director  
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Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: ALBANIAN ACTIVITIES IN  
THE UNITED STATES  
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Hasta Dosti, 140 Morningside Drive, New York City, was interviewed by FBI agents through his son, Luca Dosti, who acted as interpreter on July 2, 1956. He advised that as of June 27, 1956, the National Committee for a Free Albania, 119 West 37th Street, New York City, was dissolved. He said, however, that the committee exists theoretically until a new committee is formed under auspices of Free Europe Committee, 110 East 37th Street. It is not known if the new committee will retain the name of the former committee. According to Dosti, the executive committee is to be comprised of Albanian emigres with a maximum of nine members. This membership is to be made up of intellectuals rather than those representing Albanian political groups. He pointed out that the former National Committee for a Free Albania was comprised of an executive membership representing the several anticommunist emigre Albanian political groups. The new committee will fundamentally avoid this party setup on a theory that more effective results will be gained. Dosti does not know if he will be chosen to head this committee.

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He advised that one of the suggested executive members of the new committee is Nuci Kotta who belongs to the Monicust Legalite Party, which has sponsored former King Zog as a leader of the Albanian people. He feels that the appointment of Kotta to this membership will result in a committee of pro-Italian influences. He explained that Zog has been in close contact with the former Italian Ambassador to Albania, Ugosola, who together with the Italian financier, Scambini, created the National Bank of Albania in 1936, which was financed by Italian funds. He also mentioned that Zog's wife, Queen Geraldine, in recent months had an audience with Pope Pius XII, and the feeling is that the Vatican is interested in the Albanian situation. Bosti feels that any strong pro-Italian influence in the committee will be detrimental to the effectiveness of the committee as an Albanian emigre movement. He explained that at the most the pro-Italian support of Albania would be no more than twenty per cent of the Albanian population, the majority of which is about sixty per cent Moslem, with the remaining twenty per cent being Christian orthodox.

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